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CREEPS FROM THE DEEP!

The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! The planet's crust has cracked into many flying pieces. To make matters worse, terrifying dark monsters come crawling out from the planet's core at night!

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are hunting down the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples to use their collective power to fix the planet. Their search has brought them to the undersea city of Meropis, where magic and technology flow together!

Or it used to. A series of crises have befallen the city, and they place all their blame on one girl – Coral, the city's shrine priestess and protector. She has suffered as the citizens turn their collective back on her. With her faith shaken, the magic of the shrine fails, and the monsters invade!

Now Sonic, Amy and Rotor are trapped in the shrine as the dark monsters close in...

WHO'S WHO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE

AMY ROSE
PIKO HAMMER-WIELDER
& ROTOR THE WALRUS
WARRIOR MECHANIC

CORAL THE BETTA
PRIESTESS IN CRISIS
& RAZOR THE SHARK
CORAL'S PROTECTOR

CPT. STRIKER THE MANTIS SHRIMP
GRUFF CITY DEFENDER

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POWF!
WHA--?! IS THAT NORMAL --?
POWF!
NO IDEA! IT'S LIKE THEY'RE MADE OF THE GUNK THAT'S BEEN SEEPING OUT OF THE PLANET!
POWF!
THERE! THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM!
NO...
BUT THEN--SONIC! YOU BREATHED IN THAT STUFF WHEN--!*
NOT NOW!
BUT WHAT IF --?!
NOT A PRIORITY RIGHT NOW, AMY!
POWF!
...THERE WILL BE MORE. MANY MORE. THEY COME FROM THE ANOSTOS RIFT BY THE HUNDREDS EVERY NIGHT...
CORAL PRIESTESS UNDER PRESSURE
PEARLY PRIESTESS IN TRAINING
*STH #254.

...AND THE SHIELD THAT PROTECTED US ALL IS GONE. BECAUSE OF ME.
ENOUGH OF THAT! NONE OF THIS--THE MONSTERS, THE POLLUTION, THE EARTHQUAKES--IS YOUR FAULT!
THE JERKS IN MEROPIS HAVE BEEN STRESSING YOU OUT FOR WEEKS OVER! IT'S THEIR FAULT THEY BROKE YOUR FOCUS!
YOU CAN STILL PERFORM THE SACRED RITES. YOU CAN STILL BRING THE SHIELD UP. I KNOW YOU CAN.
...YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN ME.
YOU'VE NEVER LOST FAITH IN ME.
THEN IT'S NOT A MATTER OF "I CAN." IT'S THAT "I MUST."
HOLD ON A MINUTE--IF THOSE THINGS ARE ATTACKING HERE, THAT MEANS THE CITY'S GOTTA BE OVERRUN! WE'VE GOTTA HELP!
I'M NOT LEAVING CORAL.
HE'S RIGHT--THERE WILL BE MORE MONSTERS. I'LL STAY HERE AND BACK UP RAZOR. YOU AND ROTOR GO DO YOUR HERO THING.
ALWAYS DO. STAY SAFE.
YOU, TOO, HANDSOME.
HERE'S AN AIR CHARM, BUDDY.
AIR CHARM
LETS YOU BREATHE UNDERWATER
NEXT BEST THING TO GILLS!
LET'S GO RESCUE SOME FISHY FOLKS!

OH, MAN...
...THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
MEROPIS--CITY STREETS...
GET THE CITIZENS INDOORS! SQUADS--KEEP YOUR FORMATIONS!
DRIVE THEM BACK!
STRIKER CAPTAIN OF THE CITY GUARD

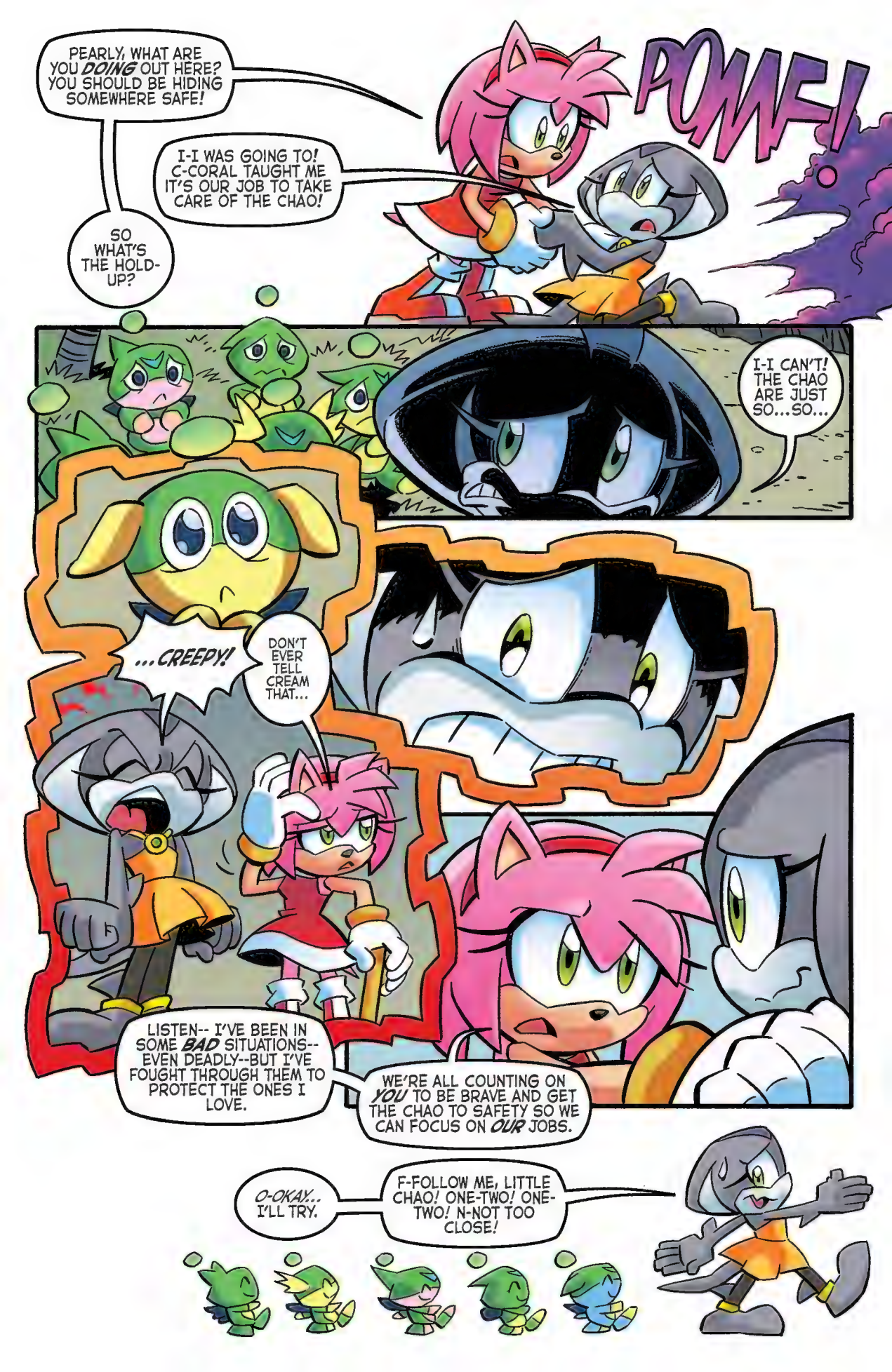
BACK TO THE ABYSS WITH YOU --!
POWF!
POWF!
STILL MAD WE CAME HERE UNINVITED?
YES.
BUT YOU HAVE MY THANKS ALL THE SAME.
SKYFEW!
NO PROB. NOW THAT WE'RE ALL BUDDY-BUDDY, YOU MIND SENDING SOME BACKUP TO THE SHRINE?
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE SHRINE RIGHT NOW! MEROPIS AND HER CITIZENS COME FIRST!
SKYFEW!

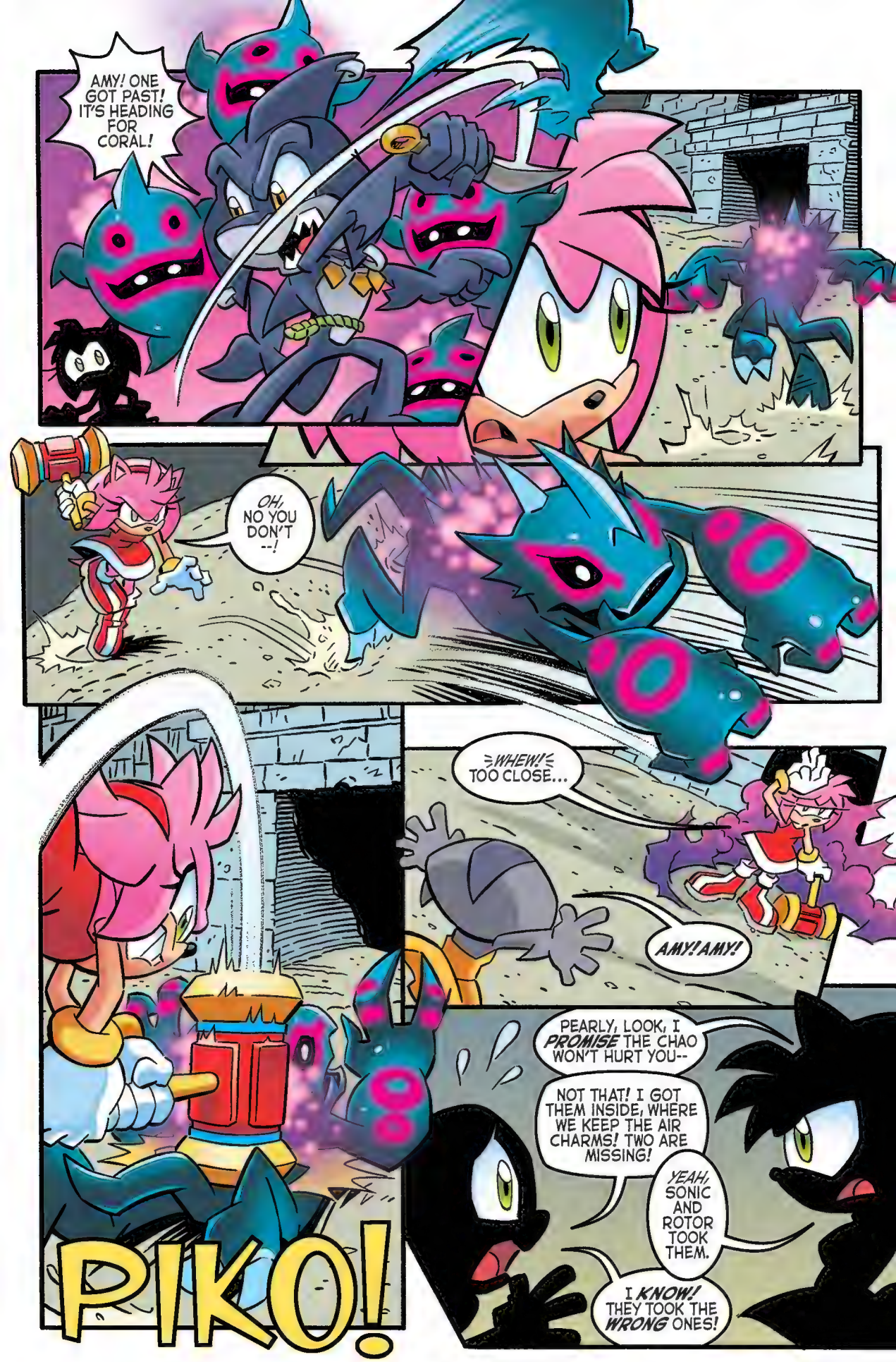
OKAY, I GET THAT, BUT YOU NEED THE SHRINE FOR YOUR BUBBLE-SHIELD-DOME-THINGY!
NO SHRINE MEANS NO BUBBLE, AND NO BUBBLE MEANS NO CHANCE FOR US!
THERE'S NO TELLING IF THE PRIESTESS WILL GET HER ACT TOGETHER IN TIME! I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON MY TROOPS!
FORMER PRIESTESS, REMEMBER? YOU GOT HER FIRED!
SHE'S STILL TRYING TO SAVE THE CITY, Y'KNOW, BUT SHE WON'T HAVE ANY CHANCE WITHOUT SOME HELP! YOU NEED TO SEND TROOPS TO--!
I CAN'T SPARE--
GET DOWN!
CRACK!
POWF!
DUDE!
I HAVE TO ORGANIZE MY FORCES.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US, PICK A BATTLEGROUND AND FIGHT!

IS HE GOING TO SEND HELP TO RAZOR AND AMY?
MAYBE? HE'S A HARD GUY TO READ. HOW'S IT LOOK FOR THE CITY?
THE CITY GUARD IS *TOUGH,* AND THEY'RE MANAGING *OKAY* SO FAR.
POWF!
POWF!
...BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP IT UP ALL NIGHT--I GET'CHA. WELL, WE'LL KEEP AT IT UNTIL CORAL GETS THE SHIELD UP.
'CAUSE SHE WILL.
THESE MONSTERS ARE PRETTY STRONG, BUT NOT *TOO* BAD...
GRRRRR!

MEANWHILE--AT EUSEBES SHRINE...
CORAL?! SWEETIE?! ANY TIME NOW!
PIKO!
≥HUFF≤ THE NORMAL RITES AREN'T ENOUGH! I'VE ONLY EVER MAINTAINED THE CITY'S SHIELD. ≥HUFF≤ I...I'VE NEVER HAD TO RAISE IT FROM NOTHING!
OH, AQUARIUS...YOU TAUGHT MY PEOPLE THESE SACRED RITES. YOU COULD SHOW ME THE WAY...BUT YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR COCOON! WHY? WHAT DID I DO WRONG...?
AQUARIUS THE SHRINE'S SACRED CHAO (OR USED TO BE)
NO! I'M NOT GIVING UP AGAIN. THIS TIME...THIS TIME I'LL START WITH THE "SONG OF MORNING," THEN PERFORM THE MYSTIC MELODY...

OVER AT THE CHAO GARDEN...
O-OKAY... YOU CHAO N-NEED TO GET TO SAFETY. GO ON NOW! SH-SHOO!
BAAHH! WAHH!
EEK!
STAY AWAY! SHOO SOMEWHERE ELSE! DON'T COME NEAR--!
--MEEE EEEK!
PIKO!


PEARLY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? YOU SHOULD BE HIDING SOMEWHERE SAFE!
I-I WAS GOING TO! C-CORAL TAUGHT ME IT'S OUR JOB TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHAO!
POWF!
SO WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?
I-I CAN'T! THE CHAO ARE JUST SO...SO...
...CREEPY!
DON'T EVER TELL CREAM THAT...
LISTEN-- I'VE BEEN IN SOME BAD SITUATIONS-- EVEN DEADLY--BUT I'VE FOUGHT THROUGH THEM TO PROTECT THE ONES I LOVE.
WE'RE ALL COUNTING ON YOU TO BE BRAVE AND GET THE CHAO TO SAFETY SO WE CAN FOCUS ON OUR JOBS.
O-OKAY... I'LL TRY.
F-FOLLOW ME, LITTLE CHAO! ONE-TWO! ONE-TWO! N-NOT TOO CLOSE!


AMY! ONE GOT PAST! IT'S HEADING FOR CORAL!
OH, NO YOU DON'T --!
WHEW! TOO CLOSE...
AMY! AMY!
PEARLY, LOOK, I PROMISE THE CHAO WON'T HURT YOU--
NOT THAT! I GOT THEM INSIDE, WHERE WE KEEP THE AIR CHARMS! TWO ARE MISSING!
YEAH, SONIC AND ROTOR TOOK THEM.
I KNOW! THEY TOOK THE WRONG ONES!
PIKO!

"THE TWO MISSING CHARMS WEREN'T FULLY CHARGED!"
MEANWHILE, IN MEROPIS...
RRRRRARGH!
RORGH!!
YEAH! I'M NOT EVEN ON LAND, AND I'M STILL FASTER THAN--!
GASP!

GET US TO THE SURFACE!
DON'T WASTE THE LAST OF YOUR AIR CHARM!
SNAAAARRRRL!

SLAAA!

OUR HEROES ARE OVERWHELMED! HOW CAN THEY POSSIBLY COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE?! IT'S SINK OR SWIM NEXT MONTH AS
WAVES OF CHANGE
REACHES ITS SHOCKING CONCLUSION!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

The LIGHT in The DARK
PART THREE
C'MON, TEAM! JUST A BIT FURTHER AND WE'RE HOME FREE WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER IF WE HAD STUCK TO ZE ORIGINAL PLAN AND NOT BEEN NEEDING TO *FIGHT* OUR WAY OUT...
N-NOT THAT I AM COMPLAINING, OF COURSE! THIS? *FEH!* THIS IS NOTHING FOR ONE WITH SUCH AMAZING SKILLS AS MYSELF!
STOP TOUCHING ZE HAIR, YOU ANNOYING PESKY-PESTS!
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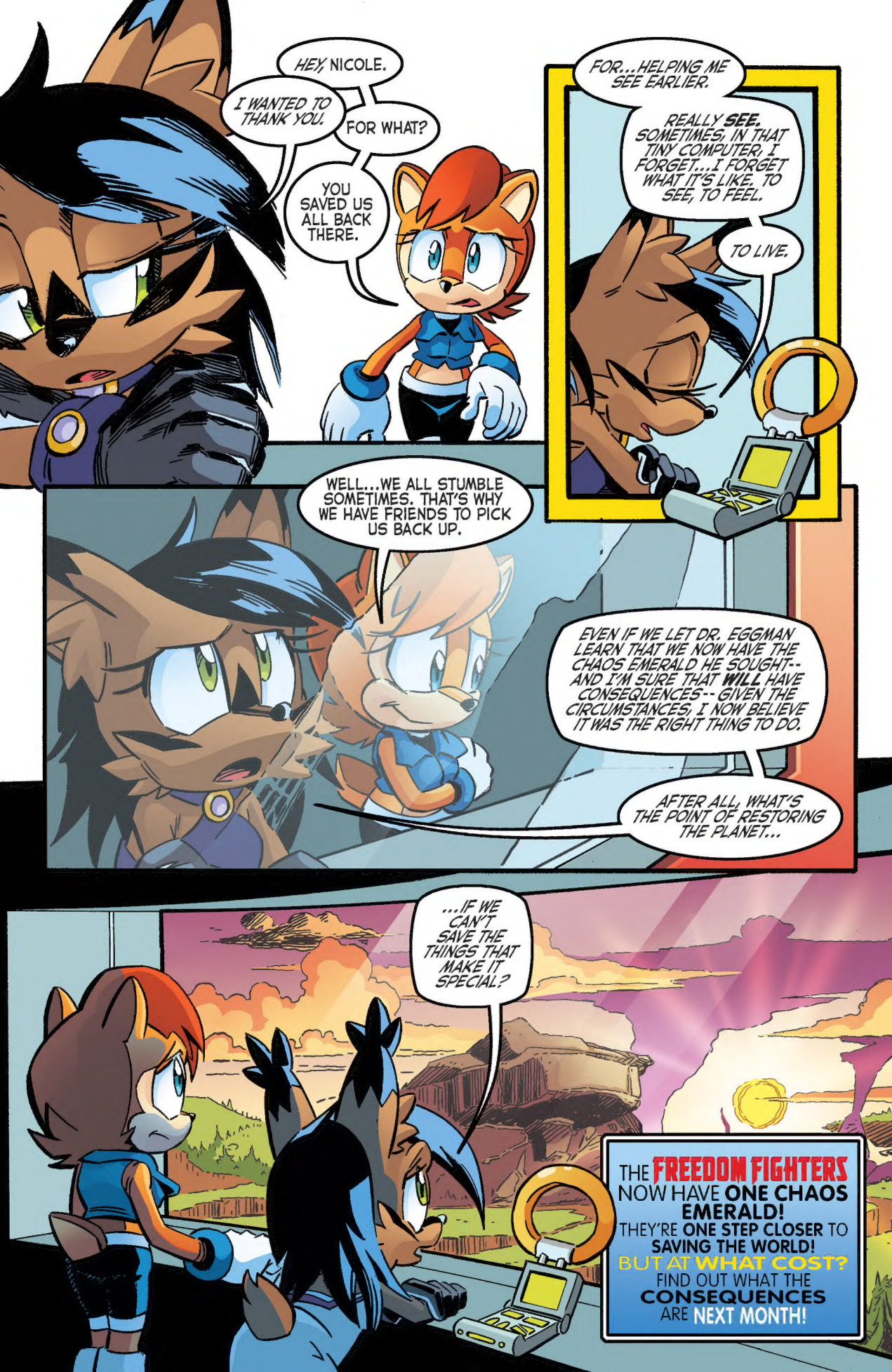
THERE'S THE WAY OUT!
WE'RE ALMOST IN THE CLEAR! JUST--
LOOK OUT!
SKYAW!
TAKE COVER! QUICKLY! I DON'T THINK I CAN--
NICOLE--!!!
SKYAW!
FLING!

IS THAT--?
AN E-1000! THEY'RE MASS-PRODUCED SHARP-SHOOTERS!
THEN WE NEED TO KEEP IT DISTRACTED WHILE WE TAKE IT DOWN!
HIT IT HARD AND FAST--NOW!
SHKRIIIP!
CLUNK!
SKRUNCH!

NICOLE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE. THE RING'S ENERGY WAS JUST DEPLETED.
SALLY, I--
WE'LL TALK LATER.
RIGHT NOW, LET'S JUST GET THIS EMERALD BACK...
"... TO SKY PATROL."
LATER...
OOH, IT'S SO PRETTY! AND YOU FOUND IT IN A WHOLE CAVE OF CRYSTALS?...MAY I HOLD IT?
NO, FROGGY. NO TOUCHING THE CHAOS EMERALD.
MAH STARS, LOOK AT THAT ROCK! SO, SUGAR-TWAN, WERE YOU PLANNING ON UPGRADIN' MAH WEDDING RING?
WOOOOOOW...
OH! AHEM...MA CHÉRIE... I MEAN TO SAY, OF COURSE. YOU ARE WORTH SOMETHING SO GRAND, BUT...ERM...
YOU KNOW I'M POKIN' FUN, RIGHT, SUGAR?
MAIS OUI! HAHA... HA...=COUGH=OF COURSE, WERE I TO GET FOR YOU ZE CHAOS EMERALD, IT WOULD BE ZE GREEN ONE, TO MATCH YOUR EYES, NON?
SALLY.


HEY, NICOLE.
I WANTED TO THANK YOU.
FOR WHAT?
YOU SAVED US ALL BACK THERE.
FOR...HELPING ME SEE EARLIER.
REALLY SEE. SOMETIMES, IN THAT TINY COMPUTER, I FORGET...I FORGET WHAT IT'S LIKE, TO SEE, TO FEEL.
TO LIVE.
WELL...WE ALL STUMBLE SOMETIMES. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE FRIENDS TO PICK US BACK UP.
EVEN IF WE LET DR. EGGMAN LEARN THAT WE NOW HAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD HE SOUGHT-- AND I'M SURE THAT WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES-- GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I NOW BELIEVE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
AFTER ALL, WHAT'S THE POINT OF RESTORING THE PLANET...
...IF WE CAN'T SAVE THE THINGS THAT MAKE IT SPECIAL?
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NOW HAVE ONE CHAOS EMERALD! THEY'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO SAVING THE WORLD! BUT AT WHAT COST? FIND OUT WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE NEXT MONTH!